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Calendar of EVENTS

APRIL 27- May 1

Theatre Production:

"Amadeus" by Peter Shaffer

MAY 13

Spring Commencement

Wagstaff Gym - 10 a.m.

MAY 30

Summer I

Term Begins

JUNE 1-2

Interpreter Bootcamp

Apache Rooms - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

JUNE 11-12; 13-14; 15-16

Apache Orientation

(For New Students)

All day - both days

JULY 3

Summer I

Term Ends

JULY 6

Summer II

Term Begins

JULY 14-16

Texas UIL High School

Drama Workshop

Wise Cultural Arts Center - All day

JULY 23-24; 25-26; 27-28

Apache Orientation

(For New Students)

All day - both days

AUGUST 5

Summer Commencement

Wagstaff Gym - 10 a.m.

AUGUST 10

Summer II

Term Ends

AUGUST 16

Apache Belles Camp begins

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Benedikt Fischer of
Erkrath, Germany

Dear Readers:

We hope you are enjoying the new look and direction of *The Apache*. As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions and story ideas, so that we can better help you connect with alumni, family and friends of Tyler Junior College.

In this issue, we provide readers an interesting profile of the College's international student population; a rare, in-depth interview with coach John Peterson about his nationally ranked tennis programs; and reflect on Hurricane Rita and how TJC came to the rescue for hundreds of storm victims.

As you read this issue, you'll notice a theme. The three promises of Tyler Junior College. A quality education. A vibrant student life. And community service.

— The Editors



Fulfilling Our Promises

By Dr. William R. Crowe

As the College began to prepare for its 75th anniversary six years ago, someone asked me to describe what Tyler Junior College had meant to East Texas in three words or less.

That brainstorm session eventually led to the 75th anniversary celebration slogan, "Changing Lives," a message we've continued to use to describe our institution's impact.

It's true that TJC has been changing people's futures since the day voters approved its creation in 1926. To specify exactly *how* TJC has changed lives, however, requires a little more analysis.

Certainly, a quality college education to prepare students for transfer to higher-level colleges and universities was key to our creation and a standard we've held high for almost 80 years. (We continue to hear reports that our students who transfer to complete a bachelor's degree are outperforming students who began their degree plan at the upper-level college.)

But almost immediately our student body made it clear to their instructors and administration at the time that college life means interaction beyond the classroom, too.

Our first student organization, Las Mascaras, was created in TJC's inaugural year, and by 1927 there was a football squad playing other area teams. Men's and ladies' basketball teams were formed and other student organizations arose.

The Depression and World War II changed the shape of campus life for more than a decade, but in the post-war years higher enrollment and a new campus brought student life back with a vengeance.

Today we hold steadfast to the belief that student interaction – whether in athletics, performing groups, fraternal organizations or professional or academic groups – bonds students with their peers and thus to their scholastic endeavors.

Our new dean of student affairs, Dr. Austin Lane, has studied the impact of student engagement at other institutions and is committed to increasing what is already a diverse and active student life at TJC.

To take the maturation of students into whole, productive individuals a step further is to expect of them a realization of their place in society.

I am proud that so many of our instructors, courses and academic programs require community service and have for many, many years. I am just as proud that our students volunteer to spend their time helping others.

In the past year alone, our students, faculty and staff have donated more than 15,000 books to literacy efforts, public schools and children of low-income families, more than 250 coats for needy kids and over 35,000 canned or packaged food goods for PATH (People Attempting to Help).

I don't need to remind our staff or faculty that Tyler Junior College belongs to the community we serve; it shows in the way they approach their work.

Our dental hygiene students have provided free dental hygiene care for more than 200 indigent individuals and low-cost dental hygiene care for over 4,000 more.

Our vision care program has provided free prescription eyewear for indigent individuals. Our diagnostic medical sonography program has performed approximately 50 free sonograms for expectant mothers and our respiratory care program has performed free pulmonary analyses on more than 200 people.

Our Apache Band, Apache Belles, Harmony & Understanding and A Cappella Choir have served as goodwill ambassadors for approximately 25 Tyler-area civic

events and our campuses have hosted more than 400 events for non-profit organizations, free of charge.

On the West Campus, our Small Business Development Center has provided free consultation to more than 400 individuals who want to establish or improve their small businesses.

All told, we estimate our students alone have logged thousands of community service hours, serving in clinics, schools, nursing homes, social service agencies and at Special Olympics, Asthma Camp and various other events.

Our faculty and staff have led by example, helping community organizations, serving on committees and working on special projects like Habitat for Humanity and the United Way's Day of Caring.

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So, I think it is fair to say that Tyler Junior College changes lives by offering a quality education at an affordable price, by providing ample opportunity to become involved in student life and performance groups and by serving others.

Sunday, September 17, 2006 marks our 80th anniversary. We'll celebrate the following day.

I hope that you will take time to reflect on how our institution has continued to deliver on its three promises:

- a quality education;
- a vibrant student life; and
- community service.

Wall R. Howe



ON Campus

NEWLY APPOINTED DEAN OF STUDENTS AFFAIRS

Dr. Austin Lane began duties in November. Dr. Lane describes his job as two-fold, directed at providing a vibrant student life and reducing student departure or disengagement.

"I want to get students involved as much as possible in campus life and make it a more vibrant campus environment. In doing so we hopefully avoid the other aspect of my work and that is student departure, where students are really not connected to the campus and not involved in any activity other than going to class and walking to their vehicles."



Dr. Austin Lane

"We really have interesting teaching moments in Student Affairs," he said. "We serve as advocates for students, making sure students have a voice, but we're also here to try to

connect them to the College so that their stay here has more meaning and that they connect with more resources to make their educational experience successful."

Lane said Tyler stood out to him because it was "a two-year college with a four-year college feel. I was very impressed with student life and the traditions that were evident in my first visit and I hope to expand on those."

Lane supervises the departments of student activities, testing, student advising, career services, student health services, student discipline, campus safety, learning resources, athletics and residential life.

Before coming to TJC, Lane had served

as dean of students at The University of Texas at Arlington since April 2003 and previously as assistant dean of students and a counseling specialist.

Dr. Lane is a lifetime member of Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology, is an honorary member of The Golden Key Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

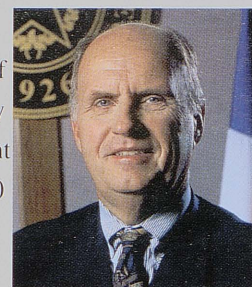
"We're confident he brings the skills and enthusiasm we need to continue to offer a vibrant student life."

"We're excited to have Dr. Lane join our staff and to begin supervision of our student life components," TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe said. "We're confident he brings the skills and enthusiasm that we need to continue to offer a vibrant student life as we grow to meet the needs of our community and our students."

CROWE ELECTED TO ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe has been elected to serve as a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges. His term began in January and concludes December 2008.

As a commissioner, he is one of a 77-member body elected to represent approximately 790 institutions that are members of the Commission



Dr. William R. Crowe

on Colleges. In this capacity, members determine commission policy, review and make decisions regarding the accreditation of institutions, and conduct the initial review for any proposed significant dues or fees, changes or modifications to the standards of the commission

Each member is assigned to serve on one of the standing committees, called the Committees on Compliance and Reports. It is the responsibility of those committees to evaluate a variety of institutional reports and to make recommendations regarding institutions and their status with the Commission on Colleges.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the recognized regional accrediting body in 11 U.S. southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Saturday

May 13, 2006

10 a.m.

Wagstaff Gymnasium

FORMER TJC TRUSTEE DR. EUGENE ALLEN DIES

Dr. Eugene M. Allen, 86, a TJC trustee from 1970-2003, died Monday, Jan. 9, after a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

During more than 33 years on the TJC board, Dr. Allen was a quiet leader who played a major, behind-the-scenes role in working toward improvements to the College.

"He was never out at the forefront to try to be the guiding light of the College, but he really was the solid foundation upon which that institution rested," said Dr. Pat Thomas, who served on the TJC Board of Trustees with Allen for 30 years.

A dentist who served in the Navy in World War II, and later as a Marine, Allen received three bronze stars and a Navy commendation medal.

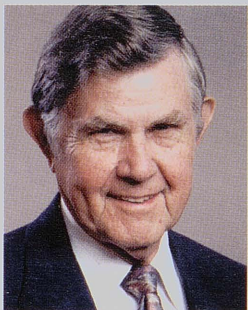
He was a guiding force in the development of the College's dental hygiene and dental assistant programs.

Allen was born in Swan, but raised in Jacksonville. He attended Lon Morris College, the University of Houston and The University of Texas School of Dentistry.

He was once named Texas Dentist of the Year and served as president and member of the Texas Academy of General Dentistry, the Smith County Dental Society and the East Texas Dental Society.

He also served on the board of directors for the Foundation for Dental Health and Education and the Tyler Museum of Art.

He was a Mason and a Shriner.



Dr. Eugene M. Allen

THEATRE TJC TO PRESENT 'AMADEUS'

On the heels of the wildly successful spring musical, "Peter Pan", Theatre TJC takes a more serious turn with its final production of the spring semester, "Amadeus". The production is being staged in recognition of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, and Monday, May 1; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, in Jean Browne Theatre of Wise Cultural Arts Center on the TJC main campus.

Tickets go on sale one week prior to opening night. For more information, call 903-510-2211.

Written by Peter Shaffer, "Amadeus" premiered on Broadway in 1980.

It is a fictionalized account of the relationship between Mozart and Salieri. Mozart is shown as a prodigious musician, considered today by some cognoscenti to be the greatest of all geniuses in his field, having knocked out compo-

sitions for assorted solo instruments, opera and symphonic orchestras by the time he was 35 years old.

The story is told from Salieri's point of view as he recounts his grievances in a talk with the chaplain of an asylum for the insane, where Salieri landed after having tried to do himself in by slashing his wrists and his neck.

Salieri believes that Mozart's music is divine. He wishes he were himself as good a musician as Mozart so that he could praise the Lord through composing. Salieri's envy has made him an enemy of God whose greatness was evident in Mozart.

He is set to take revenge.

"Amadeus" tells of the rivalry between two men, and the vengeance of the lesser on the greater: Salieri, a seemingly refined and elegant court composer – a mediocrity who wrote music as society said it should be written – and a coarse and vulgar genius named Mozart, who flouted the rules of both society and music and, in the process, created art.



PETER PAN FLIES — The speech and theatre and music and dance departments presented J.M. Barrie's timeless classic "Peter Pan" for sell-out performances at Wise Auditorium, February 22 – 25. It was the College's 38th annual musical production.

GO Apaches

Ladies Come Up Short in Tourney

The Apache Ladies basketball season came to an end March 12 with a 71-67 loss to Blinn College in the Region XIV championship tournament at Wagstaff Gym.

The game came just days after the Apache Ladies had defeated Blinn, 68-66, at Wagstaff, to claim the number 2 seed in the tournament.

Blinn went on to lose to Trinity Valley Community College in the tournament championship game.

Head Coach Trenia Tillis Jones was named Co-Coach of the Year in Region XIV and was named the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association's District 6 Coach of the Year.

Jamia Malone, point guard, was named the Freshman of the Year in Region XIV. The Peoria, Ill. native averaged 14.5 points per game on the year.

Sophomores Mamie James and Donnisha Tate were named to the All-Region Team.

The pair averaged 13.9 and 12.5 points per game, respectively.

The Ladies finished the year 24-6 overall and 14-4 in Region XIV.



Freshman wing Kristin Moore drives the lane against Panola College.

MEN'S PLAYERS HAVE IOWA CONNECTION

Apaches Head Basketball Coach Mike Marquis and sophomores Tyrone Cole-Scott and Justin Johnson have something in common besides a love for the game.

Cole-Scott, the leading scorer in the Region XIV Conference, left, hails from Waterloo, Iowa. Johnson, right, from Tyler's John Tyler High School, has signed to play basketball at the University of Iowa. Coach Marquis, in his 5th season as TJC head coach, came to Tyler after coaching stints at Marshalltown and Indian Hills community colleges in Iowa.

The Apaches earned a big victory over top-seeded Paris Junior College, 92-89, in the Region XIV championship tournament at Wagstaff Gym. The men fell in the second round to fourth-seeded San Jacinto, 75-58. They finished the year 17-14 and 9-13 in Region XIV.



Coach Marquis, Cole-Scott.



Johnson shoots for two.

GO Apaches

APACHES MOVING ON

The football team's sophomore class will soon be gone, but not forgotten.

Among the students transferring on to continue their football careers at upper-level institutions are Shannon Boatman, an offensive tackle

personally recruited by Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden.

"Shannon provided us with leadership both on and off the field," said Apache Head Coach Jamie Critchlow. "I believe he will compete for a starting position with the Seminoles."

Other transfers include Michael McDonald, headed to Purdue; Gerard Lewis, Hawaii; Robert Wells and Wazir Maloud, Midwestern State University; Jon Miller and Luke Lamipeti, Texas A&M-Commerce; DeMarcus Robinson, Abilene Christian University; Joseph Hankins, Angelo State University; Eddie Walton, Southwestern Oklahoma; Troy Young, Winona State University; Joe Castle, Southwestern Oklahoma; Corey Roberts, East Central Oklahoma; and RJ Chism, Tarleton State University.

Critchlow feels very positive about 2006 after a strong recruiting period.

"We feel this year's recruiting class meets our needs going into the 2006 season," he said. "All 34 signees can come in and make an immediate impact in the program.

"We have identified students who possess both athletic ability as well as character. All of these kids promise to add

to the team and be visible in our community."

Critchlow's coaching staff and team assist local Habitat for Humanity efforts and other community projects each year. Most recently, ap-

proximately 80 players and coaches helped on a Habitat project in Tyler.



**TJC Athletic Director Dr. Tim Drain
with FSU's Bobby Bowden.**

TENNIS UPDATE

Led by two wins in the doubles and one in singles, the TJC Women's Tennis team defended its 2005 NJCAA title by capturing the Southwest Junior College Tennis Championships title April 8 in Temple.

In Flight One doubles, two TJC teams faced each other in the finals. The team of Rachel Anders and Manuela Santos upset Lee College's Number One team in the semifinals, but they fell to their teammates Gemma Bisson and Amy Blacketer 8-4. Amy Isbell and Austin Mills defeated Tami Chadwick and Manuela Viana of North Central Texas 8-4 to capture the title at Flight Two. In singles play, Rachel Anders defeated Paige Schottler of Scottsdale (AZ) 6-2, 2-6, (10-3) to capture Flight 4. Amy Isbell reached the finals in Flight 5, but fell to Lee College's Lori Villasana 6-2, 6-2.



**Freshman Charles Coolidge delivers against
McLennan Community College March 6.**

BASEBALL UPDATE

The TJC Baseball team swept Cedar Valley on April 8 to remain in the middle of a tight playoff chase. The Apaches rallied in both games to earn the sweep and bring their season record to 19-17 and 12-11 in the Metro Conference.

In game one, Jordan Rutenbar hit a walk-off home run to dead center field to lead the Apaches to 4-3. In the nightcap, Billy Donaho had the game-winning RBI on a liner just out of reach of a leaping second baseman, leading the Apaches to a 3-2 win. Jerrod Anderson picked up wins in both games.

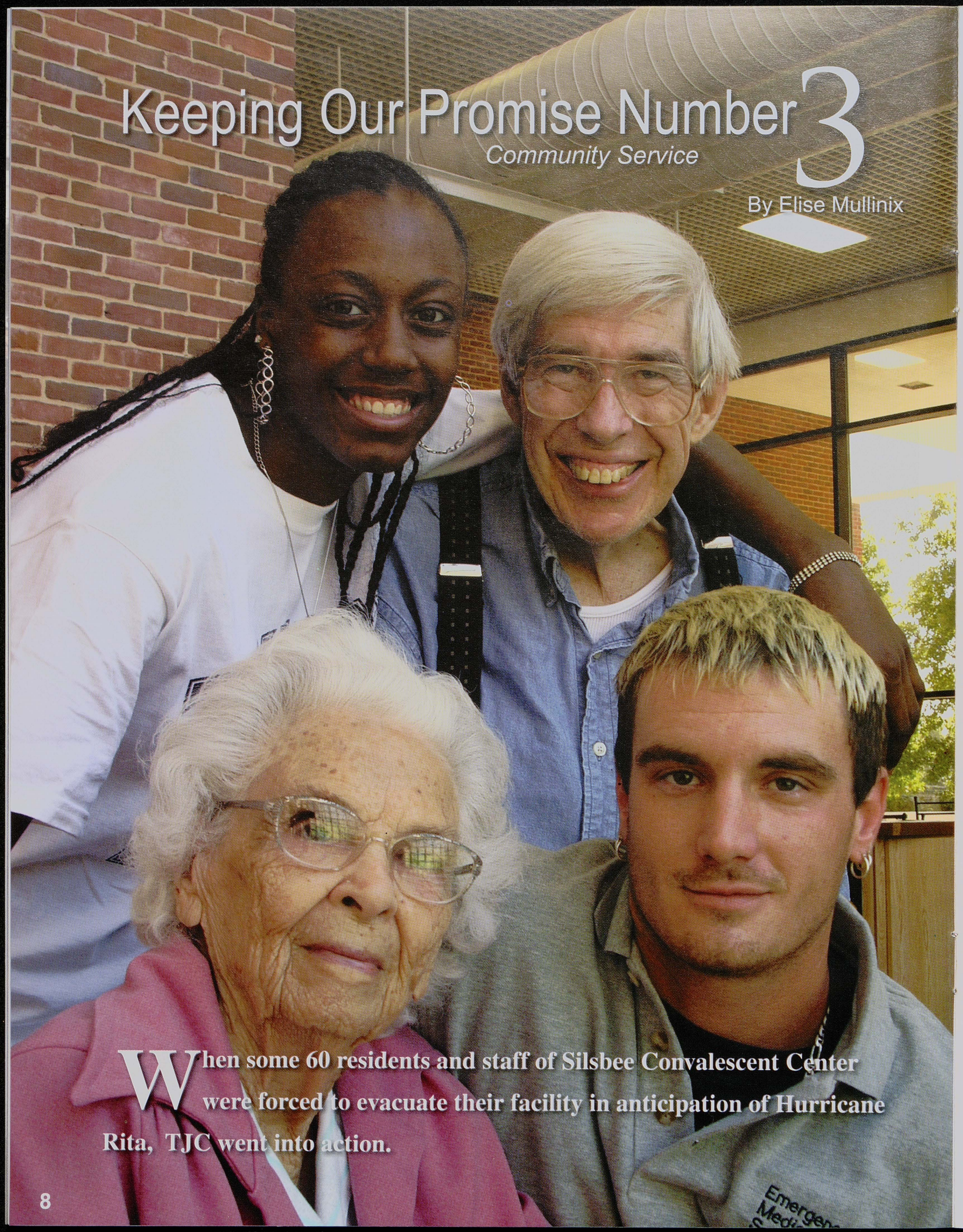
As of April 8 the Apaches were being led in RBI by first baseman Matt Trevino, with 24, and in batting average by catcher Kevin Els at .390.

**For season tickets,
or for more
information on the
TJC Athletics program,
call 903-510-2458.**

Keeping Our Promise Number 3

Community Service

By Elise Mullinix



When some 60 residents and staff of Silsbee Convalescent Center were forced to evacuate their facility in anticipation of Hurricane Rita, TJC went into action.

Director Jo Reeves fully believes it was divine intervention that brought them to Tyler Junior College's special-needs relief shelter in the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center.

"We weren't supposed to come here at all," Reeves said on Day 13 of their 14-day stay. "We were scheduled to go to a church camp in Chester, Texas; but when we were already on the road, our CEO Robin Underhill called me on my cell phone to tell me that the camp was unsafe."

Underhill then directed them to a school in Alto; so to Alto they went with their caravan of ambulances, buses, a truckload of food, medicines and supplies, and a trailer full of mattresses from their beds back home.

**"Everyone
(TJC) welcomed
us with
open arms."**

Upon arrival at the Alto school, they found it wasn't designated as a special-needs shelter; so someone there referred Reeves to Don Hart, assistant director of public health preparedness for the Northeast Texas Public Health District, who told her about the shelter at TJC.

"As long as I live, I will never forget that feeling when we drove up (to the Ornelas HPE Center) and having all these people coming out like a SWAT team and unloading our residents," she said. "It was like we were meant to be here. Everyone here welcomed us with open arms."

At its highest occupancy, the shelter housed 308 evacuees, respiratory care and emergency medical services programs volunteered their time to assist with medical evaluations and special care of residents.

In all, about 400 athletes, band members, Apache Belles and others donated their time in the shelter by registering residents and volunteers, serving food,



For more than a week, Gentry Gym becomes a temporary home for hurricane evacuees.

running errands or just providing a listening ear for anxious evacuees who had been displaced by the storm.

Valley Dining Services and other organizations kept a steady supply of food and drinks to residents and volunteer staff.

"Officials of the Army National Guard Medical Rangers and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services have declared this shelter a 'best practices' model," College President Dr. Bill Crowe said, "and that documentation on the operation of the TJC shelter will be utilized in establishing training for similar disaster shelters nationwide."

Shelter resident Charles Johansen can personally vouch for the shelter's smooth operation. His exodus from his home in Seabrook – along with his cat, Bubba,

whom he flat refused to leave at home – took more than 30 hours on a chartered bus, from 2 a.m. on a Thursday morning until late into Friday night.

After seeing that Bubba was safely boarded in a local animal shelter, Johansen and his belongings – which included his Bible, medications, driver's license, checkbook, HMO and ATM cards, and a small bag of toiletries – were brought to the TJC facility, where round-the-clock medical personnel could keep an eye on his blood pressure.

"Considering all that I went through to get here, this place is like the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco," Johansen said, casting a quick glance at a television tuned to the Weather Channel.

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Silsbee EMTs, coincidentally wearing TJC school colors, provide patient transportation.



Phi Theta Kappa Turns 75

By Becca Anderson

In the 75 years since its inception, the Tyler Junior College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has always exemplified excellence in scholarship and leadership. But don't let the heady standards fool you. Alpha Omicron students are all heart.

“As one of the oldest and most distinguished chapters of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omicron has been a pioneer and a leader in providing quality chapter programming, which has had substantive and meaningful impact on the quality of life for many in the Tyler community,” said Rod A. Risley, executive director for international Phi Theta Kappa. “This chapter has established a legacy of achievement.”

SCHOLASTICS, LEADERSHIP

With 12 students named to the All-USA Academic team, six Guistwhite Scholars and one Leaders of Promise Scholar, the TJC honor society chapter promotes an exceptional reputation for nurturing education and leadership.

“Through PTK
I was able to feel
like I could
make a difference.”

Elizabeth Shoemaker, winner of the Guistwhite \$5,000 Scholarship in 2001, said:

“Phi Theta Kappa is the reason I am who I am today. Through my time serving with Phi Theta Kappa, I was able to discover myself. I was able to have confidence. I was able to feel like I could make a difference in this world. I was given opportunities and experienced things that I don’t know if I will ever have again.”

Shoemaker said because of the Guistwhite scholarship, she was able to complete her education.

“My parents were not financially able to help me get through college. Throughout college, I always had at least two jobs. At times, I had three! I was a bit concerned about how I would continue my education after TJC. Then, I was told about the Guistwhite Scholarship program.”

Shoemaker currently teaches English in Yachiyo City, Japan, as part of the teacher exchange program with Yachiyo City,



Sarah Mayfield, left, and Sarah Brown, right, pose with TJC Board President Peggy Smith after the Board recognized Alpha Omicron for its 75th anniversary in November.

Tyler’s Sister City.

Chapters in Texas and around the world compete for recognition centered around the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa – scholastics, leadership, service, fellowship – by submitting essays, chronologies, pictorial pages, recommendations, news articles and other support material. And TJC’s Alpha Omicron’s honors at regional and international conventions have included: Most Distinguished Chapter in the state of Texas, out of more than 80 chapters; the Top 100 Chapter Award more than 10 times; and a runner-up for international Most Distinguished Chapter twice, out of more than 1,200 chapters. In 2004, Alpha Omicron received its first Alpha Beta Continued Excellence Award for being named a Top 25 Chapter for three years in a row.

But while the Alpha Omicron Phi Theta Kappa chapter maintains its 75-year commitment to academics first – inductees must be pursuing an associate degree with a 3.5 overall grade point average in 12 hours of college level work – the students more and more are reaching out to the community through charitable work.

SERVICE

Cathryn Cates, chapter advisor and alumnus, said, “The officers, members, alumni, and advisors today view Phi Theta Kappa as a service organization of scholars.

“Even going back to the 70s when I was inducted Alpha Omicron at Tyler Junior College, Phi Theta Kappa was basically an honorary recognition for students.

Students were inducted at the candle-lighting ceremony and could wear the honor stole at graduation. Today, that is still true for some, but students who are willing to invest more of themselves benefit greatly – first in the service they do for others.”

Cates said, “Project Graduation is a service project that we have been involved in for five years. In that time, we have collected more than 50,000 books and personally distributed many of them. Just two weeks ago, we delivered about 4,000 books to the Literacy Council of East Texas. We have also held literacy fairs at local schools – Peete, Ramey, Orr, Douglas, Clarkston and others – to give books to



Who says community service projects can’t also be fun?

the students. We have sent books around the world – Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Belize and Russia.”

In 2005 alone, the members of Alpha Omicron collected more than 10,000 cans of food for the needy. The group has also provided health products for orphanages in the Caribbean, South America and other places in need.


The Phi Theta Kappa international service initiative for the past four years has been the American Cancer Society. Locally, Alpha Omicron raised more than \$10,000 for the Cancer Society in three relays for life.

And one of Alpha Omicron’s favorite organizations to partner with is the Girl Scouts of America. “I have a Girl Scouts

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TJC Tennis Program Serves Up Excellence

By Becca Anderson



Building reputations takes time, commitment and excellence. Tyler Junior College's Tennis Tech program and Apache tennis teams have put in the time, paid their dues and enjoy national and international acclaim as a result.

A strong tennis program was a dream of Dr. Eugene Allen, who served as a TJC board member for 33 years. To build a sturdy foundation, he sought out coach Fred Kniffen in 1973. Kniffen began coaching the tennis team, and by 1976, the College's team placed 5th in the nation

Even more remarkable was the revolutionary Tennis Tech program that Kniffen and Steve Smith created to teach students to be tennis coaches, pros and educators. The first of its kind in the country and, early on, it was lauded by *Tennis* magazine for its innovation and value.



A staggering 90 percent of Tennis Tech students have gone on to graduate from universities, and many move into professional tennis positions. Robert Cox, head tennis coach of the University of Arkansas and its championship Razorbacks, was a Tyler Junior College tennis player from 1974-76, and head coach from 1984-87.

"TJC offered a unique curriculum," he said. "Fred Kniffen put the tennis team on the map. He was brilliant and way ahead of his time. The Tennis Tech program broadened my horizons." Cox returned to the College as coach from 1984-87. "It was like taking over the Celtics," he said. "I recruit TJC players whenever I can, and I'm not alone; a lot of Division I rosters include TJC alumni."

TJC recruited high school tennis coach John Peterson in 1987. It proved to be a very wise move. Apache tennis teams have won more national honors than any other sport at Tyler Junior College. The Apache men's team is the three-time defending national champion and has won

10 national championships under Coach Peterson's leadership and 13 total.

The Apache Ladies' tennis team has nine national championships during that span, including five consecutive wins (1998-2002) and 13 overall.

In addition, the Tennis Tech program "has spread successful people all over the world," he said. "It doesn't matter if a kid is going back to Wichita Falls or Dusseldorf, Germany," Peterson said. "He'll represent himself and TJC very well. Our best advertisement is a list of who's been here and what they've accomplished in life afterward."

"Coach Peterson is a motivator. His reputation and national titles are inspiring."

Guillaume Gauthier, now Tennis Director at Tyler Tennis & Swim, was an Apache tennis player from 1991-93. He graduated from University of Texas at Tyler but returned to TJC in 1998 for the Tennis Tech program. "I was out of college and knew what I wanted to be. I was one big old sponge," he laughed.

"Coach Peterson is a motivator. His reputation and national titles are inspiring. Even if I had a poor performance, he'd find the right thing to say to get me going again. I thank him from the bottom of my heart for guiding me through tennis and on into my life," he said.

Scott Stewart, now tennis pro at The Racquet Club in Midland, agreed. "Coach Peterson cares about the individuals on



TJC's Rachel Anders, a freshman from Lindale, Texas, slams a serve in singles play against Collin County on March 7.

the team – not just their tennis, but their everyday life. He was a real father figure for me." Stewart's tennis team experience netted him a full scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin. He also competed on the pro tour.

"Going to TJC opened a lot of doors for me," he said.

Comments like those make Peterson proud to have contributed to the success of a student. The new Tennis Center will bring another source of pride altogether. The Center will be a jewel on the cap of the Tennis Tech program and for the world-renowned tennis teams.

"This will be one of the premier facilities in East Texas," Peterson said. "I wish I could be 20 and play on it – but I'll see the kids' faces when they do. Anything that enhances TJC enhances the city and the people's lives here."

THE Foundation

COURTING ENTHUSIASM

"One of the premier facilities in East Texas." That's how Coach John Peterson describes the Tennis Center under construction at Tyler Junior College.

Phase 1 of the project includes eight state-of-the-art courts, covered grandstands and a covered patio/concession area. Phase 2 includes a co-ed clubhouse facility with a classroom, locker rooms, faculty offices/work rooms and a trophy/function room with a balcony overlooking the tiered courts. Mike Butler of Fitzpatrick-Butler Architects, a tennis player himself, understands the nuances of the design.

"It's humbling to try to design a venue that reflects the tennis team's success at TJC," he said. "Their current court conditions prevent them from ever hosting a national championship. This will enable them to do that and will be much like the facilities that Tennis Tech graduates may go on to manage some day."

Without community support, the facility would remain a distant dream. Fortunately, Tyler is a tennis town and enthusiasm is community wide, since the Center will benefit East Texas and beyond.

Many Naming Opportunities exist within the project, including:

Phase 1

- Tennis courts (8) – \$50,000 each, 3 already funded.
- Grandstands (4) – \$50,000 each.

- Covered patio/concessions – \$35,000.

Phase 2

- Clubhouse (1) – \$500,000.
- Classroom (1) – \$50,000.
- Locker rooms (2) – \$50,000 each.
- Trophy/Function room (1) – \$50,000.
- Offices/workrooms (4) – \$15,000 each.



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The Byars Foundation led the way with a major contribution to help fund Phase 1 of the Center.

"Private gifts are the major way

the college can upgrade facilities. If the community doesn't participate, it won't happen," said fundraising co-chair Preston Smith. Co-chair Mark Hembree agreed. "This is an investment in our school and our city. It will have a long-lasting effect."

**To assist with funding
for the Tennis Center
or to establish a TJC
scholarship, contact
Dr. Kim Russell
or Mitch Andrews,
Tyler Junior College
Foundation,
903-510-2382.**

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Dahne Freeman loved the theatre and was involved in every play presented while she was at the University of Arkansas completing her college education, after attending TJC.

She volunteered to direct school plays as her six sons grew up.

Dahne had great admiration for the quality education provided by TJC, which she promoted to friends as "the best junior college in the nation."



DAHNE FREEMAN

All six of her sons attended TJC.

Dahne passed away in 1995. Her husband, Von Freeman, and his wife Bobye, decided to keep the spark of creativity that embodied Dahne's life alive through an annual scholarship at TJC for theatre arts students with financial needs.

"We got nice notes from the first two young men to receive the scholarships," said Von Freeman. "We appreciated that very much and are glad they got the scholarships."

Performing arts are a vital part of the educational experience at Tyler Junior College. TJC's performance programs contribute to an exceptional student life, which helps to distinguish it from other community colleges nationwide. Scholarships help attract top talent to the college and provide much-needed funds to deserving students.

Through the generosity of contributors like Von and Bobye Freeman, East Texas students will continue to benefit from the performing arts at Tyler Junior College.

PROMISE

1

A quality education.

It begins with offering the opportunity for a college education at an affordable price to any person who seeks it. The quality of our undergraduate education, our emphasis on personal attention to the student, our reputation for faculty who are accessible and our small class sizes honor that commitment.

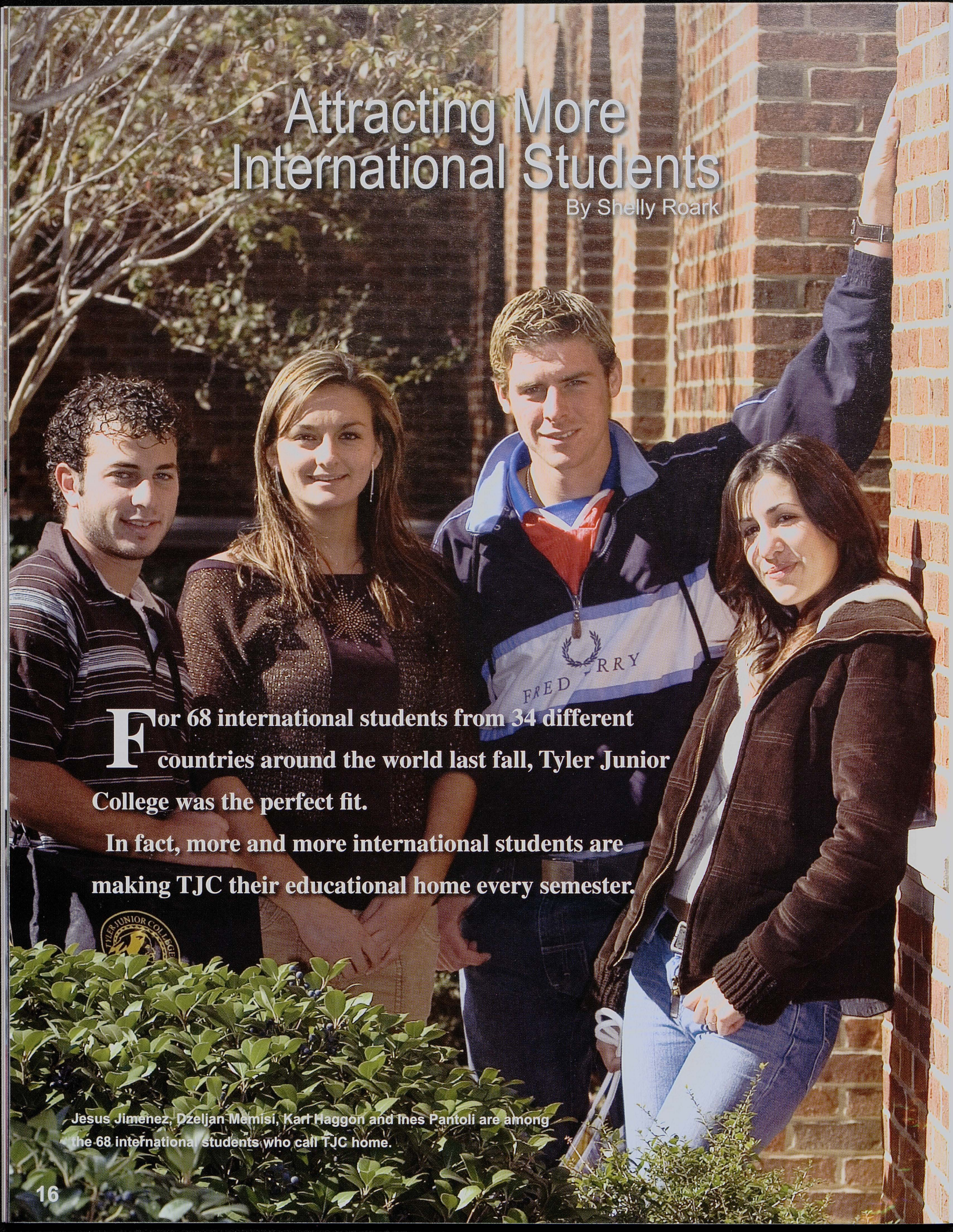
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CHANGING LIVES

Attracting More International Students

By Shelly Roark

A photograph of four international students standing in front of a brick wall. From left to right: a man with curly hair wearing a striped polo shirt, a woman with long brown hair wearing a dark patterned top, a man with short blonde hair wearing a blue and white Fred Perry jacket, and a woman with long dark hair wearing a brown jacket. They are all smiling at the camera. The background shows a brick wall and some greenery.

For 68 international students from 34 different countries around the world last fall, Tyler Junior College was the perfect fit.

In fact, more and more international students are making TJC their educational home every semester.

Jesus Jiménez, Dzeljan Memisi, Karl Haggon and Ines Pantoli are among the 68 international students who call TJC home.

Nidia Arellano, coordinator of international student admissions, said, "The number of international students is growing. Five years ago the total was about 40."

Arellano said most students apply to TJC because of the school's excellent academic reputation and extracurricular opportunities, such as sports.

She said many learn about TJC by word of mouth. Some have siblings or relatives who have attended the College. Others want to experience American culture by living and studying here. Some of the areas around the globe represented at TJC include the United Kingdom, South Africa, Latin American countries, Japan, India and Europe.

"TJC is good for international students for the same reasons it is good for any student," Arellano said. "It is a very good two-year college that feels like a university ... many can receive one-on-one help from understanding instructors. It's not too big and overwhelming, and you still have student life. Not many other junior colleges have on-campus housing and meal plans, so students don't have to worry about transportation. And, it is not as expensive as a four-year university.

"For athletes, they get to practice and have more opportunities to play. Our sports teams are doing so well that many will travel all the way here just try out for the team with no guarantee of making it," Arellano said.

She said a majority of the international students at TJC are recruited through the athletic department. Soccer, tennis, and golf are three teams that feature international students.

Soccer coach Steve Clements said, "I'm able to get good players when I go abroad. Soccer is even bigger around the world and that expands the talent pool." Clements' team finished the 2005 season at 13-3-2 and was ranked Number 8 in

the country. He had six true internationals on the roster with others who were U.S. citizens from different backgrounds.

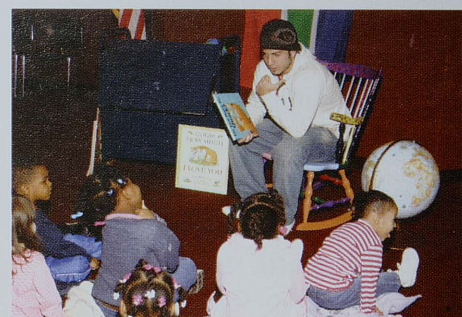
"I like the diversity of having international students on the team. Many make friends for life from other countries," he said.

Clements said many of the teammates stay in touch and the U.S. students often go visit their friends in their homeland.

"Students learn about other cultures and become more open-minded."

Arellano said the benefits are not limited to the international students. "It's good for the campus and benefits both native and international students. Exposure helps them all learn about other cultures and become more globally minded."

She said that while the TJC experience is good for international students, they do face challenges such as the language barrier, culture shock, and homesickness. "Some can't go home (for the holidays). Many make friends from here who invite them home for the holidays. Many of our instructors invite them to their homes."

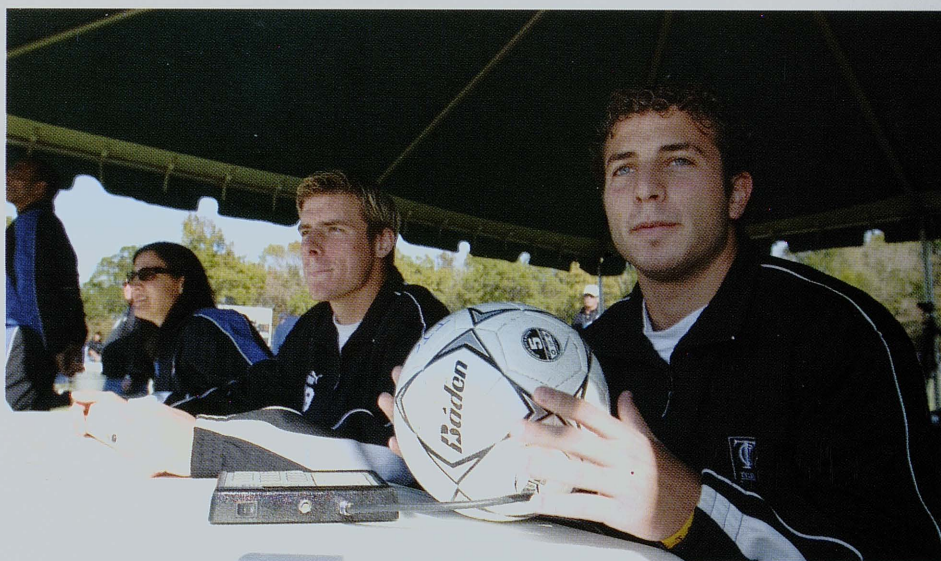


Jesus Jimenez reads to elementary school children at Tyler Public Library.

Arellano tries to help the students by enrolling those who need it in English as a Second Language classes and hosting activities where they can meet and interact with other international students. "Once they are here, they basically become my kids. I feel like their mother and try to mentor them. I was born and raised in the states, but my family is from Mexico, so I can identify with what it's like to have that barrier.

"Some of them technically know English, but it's not the same with accents. You would be surprised how after one semester their English improves dramatically. We have professors from other countries that they can talk to, as well as a licensed counselor on campus. And, we are working toward a mentoring program so that incoming freshmen will be mentored by a sophomore for the entire year."

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Karl Haggon, TJC soccer team captain, and teammate Jesus Jimenez help out during the 2005 NJCAA National Soccer Championship Tournament held at TJC's Pat Hartley Field.

Arellano said that about 90 percent of the international students transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in the United States.

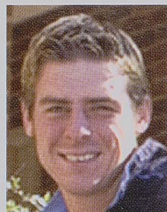
Here's a look at just a few of TJC's international students:

KARL HAGGON

Peterlee, Co. Durham, England

Haggon, a sophomore and residential assistant at Bateman Hall, had one thing on his mind when he came to TJC — soccer.

This year's TJC soccer team captain, Haggon has been playing soccer in England since he was 10 years old. His skills helped his teams earn league championships and cups. He even played on the youth team of a professional club in England. However, he saw his soccer opportunities dwindling in his homeland before being recruited to come to the U.S.



"In England, you graduate from high school at 16. Then you go to a two-year college before you enter a university. In the university, there is no athletic setup such as here — no soccer. So at my age, you play at the semi-pro club level for not much money. Playing professional soccer was a minute possibility. I wanted to play at a level where you can make a living. That is more likely here than in England."

Haggon was in a civil engineering program in his second year at the university when a coach from Florida saw him play and asked him to play soccer in the U.S.

After realizing that the Florida school would be too expensive, the coach recommended he check out TJC ... and it was a perfect match.

"I get to practice daily and we did well throughout the season." Haggon, who will graduate in May, said an associate's degree will help him go to the next level. He is in the process of looking at other schools and soccer programs and says he would possibly like to coach someday.

Right now, he has his hands full. The

21-year-old carries a class load of 21 hours with a 3.6 GPA. In addition to the time he puts in as soccer player and team captain, he works on campus as an R.A. He even gives private soccer lessons to youngsters.

"In Bateman, all the soccer players live on the third floor, about 25 players plus a few red shirts. I'm the R.A. so I look after them all. And I'm the captain, so they look up to me. I have to keep them in line," he said. "Living together like we do makes us closer."

Haggon said he likes the mix of cultures at TJC and on the team. He said he knows English, Swedish, Spanish, South African, Brazilian, Guatemalan, Jamaican, Yugoslavian, Costa Rican, and other internationals. "It's pretty interesting. You learn about other cultures. The school is open. For some reason or another, here there are lots of different people."

Haggon said the cultural differences can take a little getting used to. "At 10 p.m. the city shuts down, and the language can be difficult. When I order food, I always get the wrong food."

He said he also misses his family — his mother, sister, 5-year-old brother, stepdad and father. He tries to call them once a week or so and usually goes home at Christmas and during the summer. His mother and little brother will travel to Tyler in May to watch Haggon graduate.

DZELJAN MEMISI **Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Memisi was born in Yugoslavia, but moved to Amsterdam when she was 7 years old. She has played tennis all her life and has always wanted to go pro after college. TJC is an important step in achieving that goal.

"Since attending TJC, I want it even more," Memisi said.

When Memisi decided to play tennis and study in America, she started searching for top junior colleges with tennis teams. "TJC was one of the best junior college schools in America. And the college has won both

men's and women's national tennis championships," she said.

Memisi, who will graduate in December with a psychology major, said, "It has been a good experience. It has mentally and physically strengthened me."

She said it hasn't always been easy to combine work, school, tennis, but says the school is very helpful. "It is amazing how much help is offered here. There are always tutors in the library," she said. "When you need something, someone is always there."

Memisi said she has not been home since December of 2004, but doesn't feel too homesick. She said, "The people in Tyler are very nice. And the team members help me out always. Everybody is so nice. When you live with your teammates, they are like family, like my second family."

The TJC student said she has just signed a contract with Auburn University in Alabama to play tennis on scholarship there next year.

JESUS JIMENEZ **Malaga, Spain**

When Jimenez arrived on campus last August as a freshman, it was his first time in America ... and he couldn't speak a word of English!

Jimenez said, "I remember, my first sentence was, 'Me, I'm nano (which means 'little guy' in Spanish).' My first day in class, I didn't understand anything. I told the teacher that I needed help. The teacher said it would be OK, don't worry about it."

The instructor was right. After a few months of ESL and course studies at TJC and a season of soccer under his belt, Jimenez can communicate in English just fine.

"The coach and assistant coach helped me with my classes, and I am learning



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A photograph of four young women, likely members of a cheerleading or dance team, posing closely together. They are all wearing white cowboy hats with long, thin white ribbons hanging down. They are also wearing black vests with white fringe trim over white collared shirts. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman in the top left has her arm around the woman in the top right. The woman in the bottom left has her arm around the woman in the bottom center. The woman in the bottom right has her hand near her chin.

PROMISE

2

A vibrant student life.

With a quality education comes a vibrant student life. At TJC, student life can be a quiet walk around our 75-acre campus or a front row seat at the Jean Browne Theatre. Living and learning merge into one, and people attract people, eager to share a passion, whether it's clubs and organizations or grabbing a latte. Diversions at TJC include the athletic and artistic, the social and political, the fairly intense and the unabashedly fun.

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CHANGING LIVES

Alumni NEWS

ATTENTION FT. WORTH ALUMNI

The alumni association is currently organizing a chapter steering committee in the greater Fort Worth area.

If you would like to help, please contact the alumni office at 1-800-687-5680 ext. 2371, or e-mail Betty Briggs at bbri@tjc.edu.

MEMBERSHIP DUES GOING UP

The TJC Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to raise lifetime membership dues.

Beginning Sept. 1, individual lifetime dues will increase from \$150 to \$200, and couples' lifetime dues will go from \$200 to \$300.

In the spring, the board will hold a special membership drive, calling alumni and encouraging them to join the alumni association.

To learn more about the many benefits of supporting Tyler Junior College through membership in the TJC Alumni Association, call the alumni office at 1-800-687-5680, or e-mail Betty Briggs at bbri@tjc.edu.

HOMECOMING '06 IS ON ITS WAY!

Tyler Junior College will celebrate its 80th anniversary this fall, and the TJC Alumni Association is ready to begin planning its homecoming activities. The Las Mascaras Speech and Drama Club, the oldest active social organization on campus, will also be celebrating its 80th year. Las Mas will have a very special Venue on homecoming night!

Other reunions planned include: Apache Band, Apache Belles, cheerleaders, drafting, and Harmony & Understanding/choir. To join a homecoming planning committee, or to request a reunion for your class,

contact the alumni office at 1-800-687-5680, ext. 2371, or e-mail bbri@tjc.edu.

Alumni activities kick off at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, with a classic car rally and alumni mixer at the TJC Automotive Skills Center on the West Campus. Prizes will be given for best of show.

A campus-wide pep rally will be held at noon Friday, Oct. 27, on Jenkins Lawn.

Later that evening, a reception will be given in Rogers Student Center for alumni award recipients; then it's over to the Apache Rooms for the awards dinner/dance.

The annual Campus Capers student talent show, always a big draw, will begin at 8 p.m. in Wise Auditorium.

Harmony & Understanding will have a reunion at 8:30 p.m. in the board dining room on Rogers 3rd floor, after the dinner/dance.

Attention Harmony & Understanding alumni: We are putting together a special group of former members to perform at this year's Alumni Awards Dinner/Dance. If you would like to be a part of our Golden Oldies H&U, please contact Mitch Andrews at 903-510-2034.

On game day Saturday, Oct. 28, reunions and the Alumni Tailgate Party will begin at noon in the Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium parking lot. Walk the rim, then take your seats at 2 p.m. for kickoff as the Apaches battle the Golden Norsemen of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. At 7 p.m., Las Mascaras will have a special Venue for its alumni in Jean Browne Theatre of Wise Cultural Arts Center.

DRAFTING REUNION PLANNED

Retired TJC instructors Jack Betts and Monty Newman are organizing a reunion for all former drafting students during this year's homecoming festivities. For more information, call 903-894-6379 or 903-591-7901.

'76 APACHE LADIES' REUNION SET

Coach Herb Richardson (Basketball '49) and the TJC Alumni Association are planning a 30-year reunion for the 1976 Apache Ladies' Basketball Team in November.

For more information, contact the alumni office at 903-510-2371, or e-mail bbri@tjc.edu.

HOUSTON CHAPTER NEWS



The Houston Area Alumni Chapter held its second scholarship fund-raiser on Feb. 9.

More than \$1,200 was raised at their silent auction and drawings.

Special thanks for steering committee members Virginia Vincent, Jane Mostowitz, Rebecca Melchor, Terry Stillabower (pictured above) and Beverly Linney for all their hard work – and to all our Houston alumni for their continued support.

FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The Tyler and surrounding East Texas areas are fortunate to have an outstanding institution of higher learning like Tyler Junior College. Celebrating its 80th anniversary this fall, the College continues its tradition of "Changing Lives", and the TJC Alumni Association offers a special link between the past, present, and future for Apaches by promoting and preserving its excellence.

I shall never forget my two years at Tyler Junior College and the integral part that my band director, Dr. Edwin "Boss" Fowler, had in influencing both my learning experience and my life. He and his wife, LaValta, are truly a treasured TJC legacy.

My years of serving as an Alumni Board member, secretary, president-elect and now president will be memories I will cherish for many years to come. It has been an honor to be a part of the College's largest support organization and work with the Alumni Association Board of Directors. This dedicated group of professional individuals from our community have devoted their time and support to promote the College and its educational mission.

I want to encourage all former students and friends of the College to become members of our association and participate in our many events. Through our membership dues, we are continuing to establish new scholarships for future students. As former students or friends of the College, we need to stay connected and show current students that we are proud of our history and we look forward to what the future may bring to this institution.



TJC is a family affair for TJC Alumni Association President Roy Sulser '70, center; his wife, Nan, right; and their daughter, Kim Sulser '00, at the 2005 Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party.

My family and I will never forget traveling to Germany and Austria this spring with the TJC students. It was wonderful to see them represent our College and bring a little of Tyler and East Texas to our troops stationed in Germany. It was equally wonderful to see our choir perform with the world renowned Vienna Boys Choir. The Band, Belles, Harmony and Understanding and A Cappella Choir brought pride to Tyler Junior College with each venue they performed.

Those associated with TJC are very fortunate to have such a talented group of students serve as ambassadors for our College and I want to congratulate them on an outstanding job of promoting Tyler Junior College in Europe. Keep up the great work!

Black and Gold forever!
Apache Pride — World Wide!

Roy Sulser

Roy Sulser
President, TJC Alumni Association
Apache Band, Class of 1970

After 32 years of service at Chapel Hill ISD as a teacher, elementary curriculum coordinator, district curriculum coordinator, and director of human resources, Roy retired from education and began a new career two years ago at Green Acres Baptist Church in their broadcast ministry department. He and his wife Nan have been married for 30 years and have one daughter, Kimberly Sulser. Kim, also a graduate of TJC and a former member of Harmony & Understanding, was recently named assistant director of purchasing for Tyler Junior College.

Keeping Our Promises continued

"Everyone has been extremely friendly and no one has gone wanting for anything."

He said his registration into the shelter was a painless process, the food provided by Valley Dining Services was tasty, and the shelter itself was a nice place to be.

"They keep it very clean here, and they even gave me five extra days' worth of medicine, in case I ran out," he said.

Ruby Ward, 95, had planned to sit out the storm in her small apartment in Silsbee, but caught a ride out of town with Reeves's group at the last minute.

"It could not have been better anywhere," she said of her experience in the shelter. "If someone saw you get up in the middle of the night, they'd come to you to see what you needed. They walked these floors morning, noon and night."

Justin Smith, a TJC sophomore from Chapel Hill and a student in the college's emergency medical technology program, is one of more than 400 student-volunteers who spent late-night hours in the shelter.

"We helped unload patients off the buses, then helped register them into the shelter," he said. "Once they were in the shelter, we would take down their medical information and check their vital signs."

Smith said he accrued about 70 clinical hours, which will help him fulfill his requirements for graduation from the TJC EMT program.

"I really enjoyed working in the shelter," he said. "Before that, I had very limited experience because there are only so many things they'll let students do when we go to the hospitals."

"I learned so much by interacting with the shelter patients," he said. "It was interesting to learn about their different diseases and situations, and a lot of times they just wanted someone to talk to."

"This experience helped me develop a better understanding for patient care."

International Students continued

with my soccer mates. I am listening every day and learning new words and sentences every day."

Jimenez, who learned about the TJC soccer team from a friend who had previously played for Coach Clements, said he had played soccer in Spain since he was about 7 years old. He said he also played on a youth professional team for seven years.

"When I am playing soccer, I forget everything. That is my life, soccer," he said.

Jimenez said he really likes TJC and hopes to return next year. He wants to study journalism and maybe eventually play professional soccer.

Jimenez said his father and mother are very proud of him for attending TJC. The native of Spain also has a 6-year-old brother. "I really miss him," he said.

INES PANTOLI Paris, France

Pantoli, who actually lives about 10 miles outside of Paris, said she wanted to start her college experience in America at a junior college ... and TJC was just what she was looking for in a school.

"I wanted more personal attention, not as big of a school. And, I was looking for a place to play golf. TJC is one of the best junior colleges in Texas."



Pantoli, who has been playing golf for about eight years, attends TJC on a golf scholarship. She said when she arrived, "there was no real adjustment."

"Sometimes, it is difficult and I want to go home. I miss my home and my friends. But I am finding new friends," she said. "The people are nice, welcoming and friendly."

Although she is a business major, Pantoli said she hopes to play golf professionally.

As with the other students, Pantoli said TJC is a perfect fit for her needs.

Phi Theta Kappa continued

troupe of fourth graders right now that I have led since they were in the first grade. Every Monday night, our Alpha Omicron officers help out. A couple of years ago we helped organize a troupe based out of Peete Elementary school."

Shoemaker, 2000-2001 chapter president, was among those who took the Peete scouts under wing.

"Some of these students came from very poor families, were in abusive households, were being raised by someone other than their parents, and had many other problems," she said. "I must admit, these girls were loud, hard to control, and wild, BUT it was a wonderful experience that I will cherish forever. All they wanted was love and attention and we did our best to give them that."

Cates, who has been chapter advisor since about 1997, said the educational programs and service of Alpha Omicron help make great students even better people. "The responsibility of being a Phi Theta Kappa advisor is not part of my biology instructor teaching load, however, this volunteer position has provided me with so many treasured friends and memories," she said. "I have had the opportunity to work closely with these honor students, the cream of the crop, and watch so many of them grow. They are not the same people as when they are inducted after they get the opportunity to develop as campus leaders and community servants. I tell my students, as well as the Phi Theta Kappans, that when you are feeling sorry for yourself or feeling bad about your situation, the best thing that you can do for yourself is get busy and help someone else. Then your situation often does not seem so bad after all."

Shoemaker said, "The service projects that I participated in opened my eyes to the needs of people in my own community. Growing up, we always hear about

the starving children in Ethiopia, the ongoing war in the Middle East, and all the drug problems in South America. It never crossed my mind that people in my own neighborhood had needs, too. And I certainly never knew that I could be someone who could help these people. I realized, through my service work with Phi Theta Kappa, that it doesn't matter where I am, there will always be someone "down the street" who could be in need. And I also learned that with very little effort, I can help make a difference in their lives."

pa," said Cates, who is now a language arts and journalism teacher at Tyler's T.K. Gorman school. "Aside from the enormous opportunity for scholarship and to meet other people from around the state, around the nation, and around the world, (Phi Theta Kappa) offers an advantage to college students who want to be active. Alpha Omicron seems to encompass everything. If you are familiar with the four hallmarks (scholastics, leadership, service, fellowship), what else is there to life?"

Cates, who began helping out with

involved, and, yes, my wife (Dian) also attends meetings and activities when possible," Mayfield said.

Just as the Alpha Omicron alumni laid the groundwork for a successful organization, today's members continue to build on that excellence for tomorrow's members.

"A family legacy?" Dennis Mayfield said. "Well, we will have to wait until the next generation to find out, won't we?"

LEE AWARDED GUISTWHITE

Sophomore Christopher Lee has been named one of the nation's 20 Guistwhite Scholars by an independent panel of judges, the national Phi Theta Kappa office announced recently.

Recipients receive scholarships of \$5,000 to fund baccalaureate studies.

Guistwhite Scholars are selected on the basis of academic excellence and participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs. The program honors Dr. Jack Guistwhite and his wife, Margaret. Dr. Guistwhite established the first senior institution transfer scholarship exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members.

Born in Rexburg, Idaho, Christopher Lee has lived in Texas since he was 6. A graduate of Whitehouse High School, he is the son of John R. and Pamela J. Lee.

A chemistry/pre-med major, Lee maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and is consistently on the President's List. He works as a tutor for math and science students and, in his spare time, volunteers for Legacy Hospice.

Lee is the sixth TJC student to be named a Guistwhite Scholar, more than any other college. Previous recipients were Jennifer Brooks (2005); Meredith McWilliams (2002); Elizabeth Shoemaker (2001); Jimmy Epperson (1999); and Patrick J. Barnes (1997).



Christopher Lee



Phi Theta Kappa students wheel out boxes of canned food items for a delivery to PATH.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Cates said that as the students work and serve together, they become very close.

"It is very much an extended family," she said.

In fact, for the Cates family, Alpha Omicron is family. Mrs. Cates and her husband (Dale) were both inducted in the 1970s. Their daughter, Alice, is an Alpha Omicron alumnus. And their son, Matthew Cates was inducted while he was still a senior in high school. He was named 2000-01 Texas Regional president and 2001-02 Alpha Omicron vice president of scholarship.

"I always knew I was going to TJC and I definitely wanted to be in Phi Theta Kap-

pa Alpha Omicron activities as early as his sophomore year in high school, still attends inductions and special events from time to time. "The alumni stay connected. We want to stay in touch."

The Mayfields make up another second generation Alpha Omicron family. TJC biology instructor and Alpha Omicron advisor Dennis Mayfield was 1973-74 vice president. His son, Timothy, is an Alpha Omicron alumnus and his daughter is 2005-06 Texas Region District III vice president and 2004-05 vice president of fellowship.

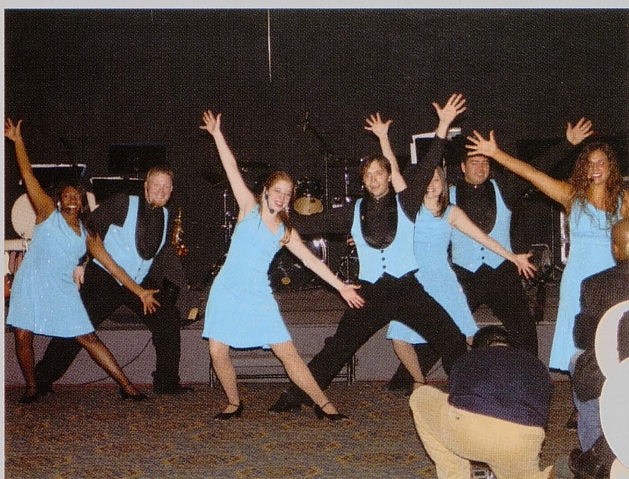
"This year I think you could certainly call it a family affair. My son is attending chapter activities, my daughter is very



The A Cappella Choir performs at St. Leopold's Church in Vienna, Austria.



A Ramstein Intermediate student gets a Belle's autograph.



Harmony & Understanding performs for military officers and their families at Ramstein Air Base.



Ramstein officers Taylor Sherman and Joel Wade (with red tie) receive Lifetime Alumni memberships. Wade also received a belated associate's degree from TJC. Presenting are Dr. Bill Crowe, left, and Alumni President Roy Sulser.



The TJC Jazz Band received two standing ovations for their performance at the Ramstein Officers' Club.



A few Belles pose backstage with USAF Lt. Col. Brian Yates (a native of Jacksonville, Texas), his wife Stacey Yates, and their three daughters, Sarah Beth, age 9; Katy, 8; and Rebecca, 2.



Community service.

TJC is privileged to work in East Texas, and we have a reputation of giving back to the communities we serve. Our employees and students have capable hands and big hearts. On their own and through TJC's community service initiatives, they volunteer for countless worthy projects. TJC offers free health-care services, from arterial sonograms to dental services; provides free facility use for many non-profit groups; and awards \$1.3 million in scholarships every year.

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Save the dates for these **ALUMNI EVENTS**

JUNE 23 AND 24

*Sports Circle of Honor
Induction Ceremony*

Details to be announced

OCTOBER 26

*Homecoming 2006:
Alumni Mixer & Classic Car Rally
Jake & Mary Roosth Automotive
Technology Center, inside the
Skills Training Center,
TJC West Campus, 6:00 p.m.*

OCTOBER 27

*Homecoming 2006:
Campus Pep Rally
Jenkins Hall Lawn, Noon*

OCTOBER 27

*Homecoming 2006:
Alumni Awards Reception
Rogers Student Center, 5:30 p.m.*

OCTOBER 27

*Homecoming 2006:
Alumni Awards Dinner and Dance
Rogers Student Center, 6:30 p.m.*

OCTOBER 27

*Homecoming 2006:
Harmony & Understanding Reunion
Rogers Student Center, 8:30 p.m.*

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*Homecoming 2006:
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